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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION, AHMED OULD SIDI BABA, DEPARTED NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 5 FOR CAIRO WHERE HE WILL DELIVER MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TO PRESIDENT SADAT. MESSAGE PRESUMABLY CONCERNS SAHARA DISPUTE.

2. MAURITANIA'S SINGLE LABOR ORGANIZATION, UNION DES TRAVAILLEURS DE MAURITANIE (UTM), HAS ADDRESSED LONG LETTER TO ALGERIAN LABOR ORGANIZATION, UNION GENERALE DES TRAVAILLEURS ALGERIENS (UGTA), ON SUBJECT OF SAHARA. LETTER, WHICH IS IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM UGTA TO UTM, EXPLAINS GIRM POSITION ON SAHARA "BASED ON OUR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO REALIZE REUNIFICATION OF OUR COUNTRY".

3. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY, CHAAB, RAN EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 5 ENTITLED "NO TO HEGEMONIC AIMS". ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF ALGERIA, EDITORIAL ASKED: QUOTE WHY WERE ALGERIAN ARMS NOT FURNISHED TO AUTHENTIC SAHARANS WHEN THEY WERE MAKING SINCERE EFFORTS TO
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LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM THE COLONIAL YOKE? WHY DID ALGIERS WAIT FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER BEFORE TAKING

ACTION? THE MOMENT CHOSEN BY THE ALGERIAN REGIME REVEALS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT ITS HEGEMONIC AIMS IN THE REGION. THE ORDER GIVEN TO ITS MERCENARIES TO VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OUR COUNTRY BASED ON THE 1960 FRONTIERS CONSTITUTES OBVIOUS PROOF THAT THIS REGIME TRAMPLES ON THE MOST ELEMENTARY RULES OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS. UNQUOTE.HANDYSIDE

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